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Washington, D.C.

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Memorandum Minutes
of proceedings of the Commission of Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
18 August 1959
5:00 p.m.

The Commission conferred in executive session pursuant to notice, at 5:00 p.m., with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding in order to acquaint themselves with the agenda for the meeting the following day and to decrease the items in the order of business by acting on routine administrative matters.

Present were: David E. Finley, Chairman
Douglas W. Orr, Vice Chairman
Peter Hurd
Ralph Walker

L.R. Wilson, Secretary

I. Administration

1. The date of the next meeting was confirmed for October 13 and 14, 1959, instead of the customary third Tuesday and Wednesday of each month because of conflicting appointments of some members.
2. The Chairman expressed his pleasure that Mr. Walker was able to be present and welcomed him to his first meeting as a member of the Commission.
3. Compliance with the Commission of Fine Arts Enabling Act and Executive Orders by Agencies.

The Secretary reported to the members that the Bureau of the Budget had recently sent its annual letter of instructions for making up budget estimates to government agencies. These instructions called attention to the requirements for consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts on the design of public works and other matters of art in the National Capital Area. This action was taken in lieu of issuing an executive order at this time.

4. Commission of Fine Arts Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 1961.
The Chairman reported that the budget estimates for fiscal year 1961 had been increased to \$56,300 which is \$14,000 more than was appropriated for fiscal year 1960. The increase is for the purpose of establishing a new position of technical assistant to the Secretary, and to defray the cost of illustrating and printing the 50th anniversary report, and the 17th report, and will cover the years from 1 July 1954 through 30 June 1960. The former Secretary of the Commission has been asked by the Chairman to prepare the text of the 50th anniversary report.

II. Submissions

1. Government of the District of Columbia

a. Department of Licenses and Inspection

1. Building Applications submitted under the Old Georgetown Act.

The actions recommended by the Secretary, on the submissions listed on Appendix 1, were confirmed. EXHIBIT A.

2. Building applications submitted under the Shipstead-Luce Act.

The actions recommended by the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the submissions listed on Appendix 2, were confirmed. EXHIBIT B.

2. General Services Administration

a. Public Buildings Service

1. State Department Interiors-8th floor dining and reception rooms.

Mr. Snyder made a progress report and presented revised line drawings showing the development of the rooms for the new State Department official dining room and related areas. The drawings incorporated suggestions made by the Commission when this project was reviewed at the July meeting. The members were satisfied with the progress being made and instructed the Secretary to prepare a letter expressing their satisfaction. EXHIBIT C.

2. State Department-South Entrance Sculpture Groups by Albert Stewart.

A revised rendering was submitted, without previous notice by Mr. Snyder, of Albert Stewart's sculpture for the south entrance. It was noted that the drawings incorporated some of the recommendations made by the Commission of Fine Arts at previous meetings. Since it was not scheduled on the Order of Business, it was hastily presented and proper consideration was not able to be given to it, and they requested that it be submitted later when more time would be available for proper study. The consensus was that much more needed to be done to make the two groups and their relationships to the entrance a satisfactory composition. The Secretary tentatively scheduled the matter for the October meeting.

3. Great Plaza.

The Secretary read a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Public Buildings Service, Mr. Lawson B. Knott, dated 30 July 1959, regarding the development of the Great Plaza as a park, and the location there of a temporary refrigeration plant for air cooling the Federal Triangle buildings. The members were encouraged that General Services Administration was willing to make any statement regarding development of the Great Plaza, but regretted no immediate steps to start the work was indicated in Mr. Knott's letter. The cooling tower project will be presented at a later date. EXHIBIT D.

4. Pedestrian Bridge joining Navy Department and Munitions Buildings.

Mr. Snyder also took the occasion to present a proposal to construct an additional wooden pedestrian bridge between the Navy Department building and the Munitions Building at 19th and Constitution Avenue. The members approved the project on the basis that it would be, at most, a temporary structure and would not greatly affect the appearance of these two long-lived temporary buildings on the city. The Secretary was requested to write a letter to the Commissioner of Public Buildings informing him of this action, with a copy of such letter to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT E.

3. White House-Gift Furniture.

The Chairman told the members of correspondence which had been received from the White House, and from The Dearborn Company, Chicago, regarding furnishing one room at the White House with reproductions of early American furniture. The members thought the suggestion had little merit and requested the Chairman to write to The Dearborn Company informing them of their opinion, with a copy of such letter being made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT F.

4. Department of Commerce.

a. Bureau of Public Roads.

1. Sculpture on Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

The Secretary read a letter from the Bureau of Public Roads asking approval of Paul C. Jennewein as the sculptor for the memorial plaques to be placed on the limestone piers housing the operator's tower on the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge. The selection of Mr. Jennewein was approved and the Chairman was requested to write a letter to the Bureau of Public Roads informing them of this action, with a copy of such letter being made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT G.

5. National Capital Planning Commission-Land Acquisitions.

- a. Benning Neighborhood Park-G Street and 51st St. S.E.
- b. George Washington Memorial Parkway-River Oaks subdivision
- c. George Washington Memorial Parkway-Fairfax County, Va.

The acquisition of the above-described land for the purposes stated was approved, thus confirming the action taken earlier by the Chairman so as not to delay National Capital Planning Commission in starting proceedings to acquire it.

d. Mass Transportation Study.

The Chairman referred to a letter received from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget requesting the views of the Commission regarding the Mass Transportation Study recently completed. Since the report was quite voluminous, and no copies had been sent to the members for study, judgment in the matter was reserved until they had heard a representative of the Planning Commission explain the report to them on the following day during the course of the meeting.

6. Department of the Army

a. Corps of Engineers, Military District of Washington

1. Soldiers Home-Domiciliary Building C.

The Secretary showed the members plans and colored perspectives of the proposed structure, whose design was similar to an adjacent existing structure, and comprised all but the end wings of the ultimate building. The design was essentially the same in scale and detail as an existing structure. The members expressed regret that they had not been shown the design at an earlier stage, because they considered the design too cold, monotonous and institutional. After some discussion the Secretary was asked to arrange to have representatives from the Army Engineers discuss the plan during the course of the meeting on the following day. (See Minute of August 19).

7. Federal Aviation Agency-design of seal

The Secretary showed to the members revised drawings of the Federal Aviation Agency seal. These drawings incorporated suggestions made by the Commission and had now been approved by the Federal Aviation Agency. The design as submitted was approved, and the Secretary was requested to write to the Chief of the Heraldic Branch of the Department of the Army informing him of this action. A copy of such letter was directed to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT H.

8. National Monument Commission-Freedom Shrine.

The Chairman reported to the members regarding a meeting at the White House to which he had been invited with representatives of interested agencies and Congress to discuss the design of the Freedom Shrine. Secretary Seaton advised the meeting that the National Monument Commission and the designers had agreed to meet the changes in size and design which the Commission of Fine Arts deemed necessary to make the monument suitable for the site authorized for it in the Nevius Tract. Secretary Seaton then asked the Chairman to arrange to have the revised design presented to the members at the next meeting, and a new submission of the design would accordingly be made the following day. After some discussion the members indicated that they would agree to approve the design if it met their desire for reduction in size, scale and landscaping.

III. Informal Submissions - none.

IV. Legislation

H.J. Res. 457, 86th Congress-Mr. Kastenmeier-"To establish a Commission to formulate plans for a memorial to James Madison." The

Chairman was directed to write a favorable report on the bill and to forward it to the Chairman of the Committee, when reviewed and released by the Bureau of the Budget. EXHIBIT I.

H.R. 695, 86th Congress-Mr. Abernethy- "To provide that certain real property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Army and made a part of the Arlington National Cemetery."

The Secretary informed the members that he had asked the Bureau of the Budget to hold in abeyance a report made on H.R. 695, to make this site a part of Arlington National Cemetery, so that a report could be substituted that would conform with any action the Commission should take approving the Freedom Shrine. (Continuation of the matter will be found in the Minutes of August 19).

V. Discussions.

1. The Washington Skyline-roof structures on buildings.

The members reviewed correspondence with the Engineer Commissioner for the District of Columbia and with the Editor of The Washington Post and Times Herald regarding the size and chaotic silhouettes of roof structures to house elevators, air conditioning equipment, etc., on roofs of buildings. The members also inspected photographs which had been taken for the Editor of the Washington Post. After discussion, the members adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be urged to consider ways and means of reducing the chaotic and jagged silhouette of rooflines created by existing standards in the Building Code for penthouses, stacks, other mechanical equipment. The example of certain owners and architects who have voluntarily enclosed these facilities within separate walls, thus making them an integral part of the design of the building, is worthy of general observance. It is believed that a general regulation to control the design of the exterior housings of mechanical equipment, etc., is the most feasible means of keeping the skyline of buildings in harmony with principles of design needed to preserve the appearance of the National Capital."

Copies of the resolution were sent to the Engineer Commissioner and to the Post Editor.

2. American Institute of Pharmacy-Protest against 23rd Street Overpass.

The Secretary read to the members an information copy of a letter which Dr. Fischelis, past Secretary of the American Pharmaceutical Association had written to the President of the D. C. Board of Commissioners, protesting the construction of an overpass at 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue. The members shared the concern expressed

by Dr. Fischelis on this matter and were glad to know of his strong stand. Copy of this letter was directed to be made a part of the official record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT J.

3. Municipal Stadium-Lighting.

The Secretary reported that the National Capital Planning Commission had shown him a study, made at the request of the Planning Commission, for a revised plan of night lighting for the proposed D.C. Stadium. He stated that, in the opinion of the Planning Commission, the system of lighting proposed was less objectionable than the original one which had been presented to the Commission at an earlier meeting, when the Stadium project had been considered. The members of the Commission said they would be glad to discuss the matter again with the National Capital Planning Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


L.R. Wilson
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE ACT
18 August 1959

5:30 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENED, EVEN 7000 INTERIOR TRANSIENT BUILDING

2. REPORT OF HWT WESTON: 16 September 1959

Executive Session: 15 September 1959

13/14 Oct.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

(a) Bureau of the Budget - Instructions for Budget Estimates

(b) Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 1961

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4. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT:

Report of actions taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications since 7 July 1959. (See Appendix 1). Report dated August 18, 1959.

Status of legislation drafted by Ad Hoc Old Georgetown Citizens Committee to amend Old Georgetown Act.

5. SHIPBOARD-LINE ACT:

(a) Report of actions taken on SH Act submissions since 7 July 1959, including SH 234, American Institute of Pharmacy. Report dated August 18, 1959. (See Appendix 2)

(b) Sign standards for Shipboard-line Ave.

6. SEA-FRONT BUILDING ACT: (Mr. J.D. Snyder, Mr. Architectural and Structural Division)

(a) State Department Interiors - Systems showing development of plans for new State Department.

(b) Grant Plans - Letter from Leonard B. Knott, Jr., Acting Commissioner, PHB, dated July 30, 1959 re refrigeration plant.

(c) Department of Defense - Construction of a wooden bridge connecting the Navy Dept. building and the Maritime Bldg. at Constitution Avenue and 19th St.

7. INTERNAL MATTERS - Lighting

8. SHIPBOARD BUILDING - Letter of July 30, 1959 from The Board of Commissioners re furnishing two rooms at the White House with Early

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NAME

ADDRESS

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I am not a member of the

Board of Directors of the

Company, and that I have no interest in the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

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American Furniture.

9. ✓ DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

✓ Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge sculptural plaques. Selection of sculptor for. *8/1/59*

10. DISPOSITIONS:

✓ District of Columbia Government Engineer Commissioner -
✓ Roof structures on buildings, as affecting Washington skyline.
Survey to be made.

11. BUREAU OF THE BUDGET:

✓ Mass Transportation Study - Letter dated July 31, 1959 from
✓ Mr. Stans asking views of CPA on Mass Transportation Study. ✓

12. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY - GPC:

✓ Federal Aviation Agency Seal }

13. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNING:

✓ 231 Street Bridge - Letter from Dr. Fischella to Commr. McLaughlin
re 231 Street Overpass.

14. NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

✓ Land Acquisition: (for confirmation of action completed previously)

✓ (a) Banning Neighborhood Park - Parcel 193-66 - G St. & 51st St. S.E.
(App'd 7/21/59)

✓ (b) Cor. Washington Memorial Parkway - Silver Oaks Subdivision.
(App'd 7/21/59)

✓ (c) Cor. Washington Memorial Parkway - Fairfax Co. - Langley, Va.
to Cabin John (App'd 7/21/59)

15. ✓ DEPT OF THE ARMY, U.S. DEPT OF COMMERCE, MILITARY DEPT. OF NAVY:

✓ Soldiers Home - Subsidiary Building 2

16. ✓ LEGISLATION:

(a) S. 2,31/80th Congress., a bill "To provide for the striking of
coins in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of statehood
of the State of Kansas." (Report not requested)

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REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 7/7/59

18 August 1959

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2188	4550 Broad Branch Rd., NW Engineered Homes, Inc.	2-story brick & frame dwelling; garage, ret. walls, fence, tempo storage shed for instance, the 3-part windows to right of entr. door, on Sheet 4, appear to be in better scale when center window is drawn 6 over 6, with side windows, 4 over 4. Similar changes should be feasible in other windows, but the horizontal dimension of the glass panes should not be greater than the vertical dimension. (Note: Restudy of this feature should not delay issuance of permit), 7/1/59.	App'd. revised drawings dtd. 6/26/59, with recom. that more study be given to changes in number & size of panes in window sash;
2192	1113 Pa. Ave., NW Marty's Restaurant	1 s-f, approx. 25 sq-ft, stainless steel & plastic sign. Yellow, Red, white & black, interior illuminated. exist. sign to be removed. text. Also recom. simplifying color scheme, eliminating red color. The size & placement of this sign on the glass background are important & an accurate presentation drawing of these relationships is desirable. 7/22/59	Disapp'd. Recom. a sign with indirect lighting, using black, blue, or green ltrng. All ltrng. to be same size & style if 1 line of text is used. If different size & style of lettering is to be used, recom. 2 lines of
2193	601-19th St., NW L. E. Breundinger	1 7-sq-ft sign; aluminum ltrs. erected on masonry; see photos for location	App'd., 7/14/59
2194	149 Indep. Ave., SE Rector's Restaurant	1 s-f, 16 sq-ft sign, black plexiglas ltrs., white corrugated plastic bckg. Exist. to be removed.	App'd., 7/17/59
2195	2500 Calvert St., NW Shoreham Hotel Corp.	Construct underground auto parking garage & 9' brick-faced concrete ret. wall	App'd., 7/27/59
2196	1345 E St., NW Dart Drugs	1 s-f, 24 sq-ft sign; stain. steel ltrs. with white plexiglas faces, white neon tubing, mounted on stainless steel raceway.	Disapp'd. Recom. redesign using opaque material throughout ltrng. & omitting device between words. 8/13/59
→ 2197	1839 Summit Pl., NW Novak, Sills, & Novak	Construct 6-story brick, cinder-block & concrete apartment.	Disapp'd. Recom. restudy to achieve (1) more orderly fenestration & relation between facades & (2) simplification & consolidation of roof structures, 8/13/59.

Exhibit A

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 7/7/59 (continued)

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2198	235 Pa. Ave., SE Kuff Associates	Erection of 2 identification signs for Optometric office	Approved: (1) Small shield-like sign for placement flat against bldg. Disapp'd. (2) Large rectangular sign for top of projecting bay. Recom. restudy of this feature for application to bldg. wall in good relation to architecture, possibly on plain fascia of cornice running across front. 8/13/59
2199	4155 Linnean Ave., NW Mrs. M. M. Post May	Accessory dwelling to main residence-Hillwood	Disapp'd. Recom. restudy of window sizes & locations, 8/13/59
2200	501-13th St., NW Stanley Co. of America, Inc.	Install metal awning - front entrance	Disapp'd. Recom. marquee designed to harmonize with architecture of bldg., 8/13/59
2201	2500 Calvert St., NW Shoreham Hotel Corp.	Add elevator shaft & lobbies to exist. motor hotel	App'd., 8/13/59
2202	601-15th St., NW Swillers, Inc.	Erect new plastic signs	Recom. redesign using free standing opaque letters, backlighted. If 2 signs are desired, total area of both should be approx. 25 sq-ft depending on size of letters required for this method of lighting. 8/13/59
2203	51st-33rd St., NW Densie Trowsdell	Replace double screen entr. doors with one 3'x7' 6-panel (raised) door. No struct'l. chg. to opening.	App'd. provided surround of new door is neatly framed into exist. opening (Note: Application does not reveal method or appearance of surround). 8/13/59
2204	2215 Const. Ave., NW American Pharmacetical Assn.	3-story addn. in rear of present bldg.	App'd., 8/18/59
2205	4155 Linnean Ave., NW Mrs. M. M. Post May	Accessory dwelling to main residence	App'd., 8/18/59

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 7/1/52

13 August 1952

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2394	2723 Q St., Mr. Allan Dulles	Extend porch with new bow window	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/13/52
2398	3261 K St. Wilkins-Rogers Milling Co.	New concrete roof on exist. warehouse	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/20/52
2404-A	2926 P St., Jos. M. Gardiner	Remove & repair part's. Install new plumbing, heat, & electric'l. systems; erect new part's. repair flrs. & redecorate walls install new windows.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/10/52
2410	3102 Dumb. St. Mr & Mrs James Espy	Alterations & addns. to exist. bldg.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/21/52
2412	1519-34th St., NW Mr. A. E. Rheault	Raise roof & install dormer	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/13/52
2414	3234-36 Reser. Rd. E. I. Williams, Jr.	Changes in fenestration; bld. & removal of interior part's. provision of new interior doors; revision of interior lighting.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/13/52
2415	1235-37th St. Georgetown U.	Raze bldg. - one family dwelling	No objection. Structure has no historic or architectural characteristics that preclude razing. 7/13/52
2416	1658-29th St. Mr & Mrs C. Oakes	Alter front entr. trim; place ornamental medallions in w. i. rail (front); place cast stone keystone over front windows (1st fl.).	Recom'd. for revision of overdoor, addn. of ironwork, 7/13/52
2417	1218 Wisc. Ave. Kiki's Steak House	Remove glass brick, replace with wood sash.	Not recom'd. Suggest main opening be divided into 3 equal parts by two 2"-millions, making 3 section window of 7 lights each; sash in openings at ends of bay, in recessed entry, should be same width & height, be divided into lights, 7/24/52
2418	3100 "ou" St., NW Christ Ep'l. Ch.	Change exist. sash to leaded glass sash.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/13/52
2419	1229-29th St. Georgetown Constr. Co.	Erect projecting bay; 13'-4" wide bay window to extend 3' beyond bldg. line.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway except new bay window on Olive Ave. Suggest elimination of this feature of facade, & submission of new design. (Note: 29th St. facade not shown. Larger scale elevations are desirable.). 7/22/52

Exhibit B

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 7/7/59

18 August 1959

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	At the request of the Chief of the Department of Licenses and Inspections, D. C. Government, the Commission revised its action on OG 2419 as follows at its meeting on 18 August 1959:		
2419	1229-29th St., NW Georgetown Constr. Co.	Erect projecting bay; 13'-4" wide bay window to extend 3' beyond bldg. line.	Recommend restudy of Olive Avenue facade, re-placing proposed bay window with bow window, on each side of entrance door. <u>7/22/59</u>

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 7/7/59 (Continued)

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2420	1219 Potomac St., Mrs. Frances Morris	Interior alterations & exterior; repair roof; install w. i. grillwork on front windows; new door trim; paint exterior	Not recom'd. for changes to facade. This house is typical of its type and period--about 1820. Recom. urging owner to make repairs without changing features of facade by use of iron balconies and door frame, 7/21/59
2421	2703 Dunbarton Ave. Garth Peters	Remove 2 stone blocks, at 2 entrances in front & install 2 sets of 2 steps & 42" platform, 4' wide. "Howeward" preface concrete.	Not recom'd. If any changes are desired in these steps, brick or stone would be more appropriate material. We recom. urging owner to retain these typical examples of period when house was built, 7/21/59
2422	3411 K St. Wilkins-Rodgers	Rebuild walls of exist. intake water tank	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 7/23/59
2423	1214-23th St. William & Baker (Auto store)	Cut 3'x9" opening in exist. brick wall. Install 3'x7' French door with transom (recessed)	Recom'd. provided 6-panel solid colonial door is used instead of French door, 7/23/59
2424	1042 Wisc. Ave. J. L. Lindstrom & Associates	Install ductwork & louvers for spray booth	Not recom'd. Suggest ductwork be carried to roof within bldg., 7/27/59
2425	1218 Wisc. Ave. Kiki's Steak House	Remove glass brick & replace with wood sash	Ret'd. by Mr. Wilson with memo. dtd. 8/3/59. Action was not inserted on transmittal sheet. FINAL ACTION: Recom'd; provided side opening of bay (not shown on drawing submitted) is filled with sash containing 3 lights high & 2 lights wide similar to front sash. Bed would should be ret'd to bldg. on sides, 8/12/59
2426	1669-31st St., Mr & Mrs Francis Biddle	2-story brick addn. Install triple window in north wall	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 7/31/59
2427	3413 R St. Marie Sprague	Make interior & exterior alterations to bldg.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway provided (1) 6-panel colonial door is used & (2) basement windows are increased in height to assure that panes have greater height than width, 7/31/59
2428	1694-31st St. Mr & Mrs J.Y. Haller	Install partitions for new baths, closets & kitchen; reconstruct wood rear & front porches.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 7/31/59

26 August 1959

Dear Mr. Mills:

At its meeting on August 19 the Commission of Fine Arts was glad to review, with Mr. Estes of the State Department and Mr. Snyder of your staff, the drawings of the State Department Dining Room and related matters informally. The members were glad to see that progress was being made in carrying out the sketch designs which were approved at the Commission meeting on July 8. We will be pleased to continue to review these drawings as they are readied, if you desire.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

by L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Mr. Edward K. Mills, Jr.
Deputy Administrator and
Acting Commissioner, Public Bldgs Svc
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT C

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Public Buildings Service
Washington 25, D. C.

JUL 30 1955

In Reply Refer To: PCR

Mr. David S. Finley
Chairman
The Commission of Fine Arts
Interior Department Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finley:

Thank you for the letter of July 16, regarding the Triangle Area Refrigeration Plant and Cooling Tower.

As indicated in your letter, it is our intention to incorporate the permanent tower in the new building which will replace the existing District Building and the 1300 G Street Building. The refrigerating equipment will be located underground and coordinated with the future development of the Grand Plaza.

We appreciate your help and guidance in the solution of a difficult mechanical and architectural problem.

Sincerely yours

James A. Knox, Jr.
Acting Commissioner
Public Buildings Service

RXHIBIT D

26 August 1959

Dear Mr. Mills:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on August 19, Mr. Snyder of your staff presented a letter outlining the proposal of the occupants of the Navy Department Building and the Munitions Building at Constitution Avenue and 21st Street to erect an additional pedestrian bridge between the two buildings. The members of the Commission of Fine Arts have decided that they would have no objection to the erection of this structure which will, in any event, be of a temporary nature and will not have any significant effect on the appearance of the city.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

by L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Mr. Edward K. Mills, Jr.
Deputy Administrator and
Acting Commissioner, Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

EXHIBIT E

20 August 1959

Dear Mr. Gaines:

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts have carefully considered the Dearborn Company's desire to furnish an Early American Room in the White House with your company's furniture. They are grateful for your generous offer but they cannot recommend accepting your proposal. The White House is the home of the President. In 1952, a special Commission appointed by Congress completed its renovation and determined the nature of its furnishing. The White House was never intended to be a museum. Incidentally, the Smithsonian Institution and many museums display authentic rooms and furniture of the Early American period that are available to all.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Dan M. Gaines
The Dearborn Company
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EXHIBIT F

26 August 1959

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting on August 19, 1959 considered your letter of July 27, in which you asked their opinion of commissioning Mr. C. Paul Jennewein to make the memorial plaques on the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge. The choice of Mr. Jennewein for this work met with the Commission's approval. The members hope they will be able to see preliminary sketches of Mr. Jennewein's ideas at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely yours,


L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Mr. E. L. Erickson
Chief, Bridge Division
Bureau of Public Roads
Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT G

24 August 1959

Dear Colonel Cook:

I showed the sketches of the revised design of the seal for the Federal Aviation Agency to the members of the Commission of Fine Arts at their meeting on 18 August 1959. The design was approved as presented and the sketch is being returned herewith.

The return of this sketch leaves me with no record for my files. I wonder if you would be kind enough to have it reproduced and send me a copy.

Sincerely yours,


L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Lt Col James S. Cook, Jr.
Chief, Heraldic Branch, R&E Div.
Office of the Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

EXHIBIT H

SEP 3 1959

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in reply to your request of August 4 for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on H. J. Res. 437, a joint resolution "to establish a commission to formulate plans for a memorial to James Madison."

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts would be glad to see a suitable monument erected to James Madison and will render advice and assistance to the James Madison Memorial Commission if this legislation is authorized by the Congress.

The Bureau of the Budget has indicated that it has no objection to the submission of this report.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

by L. R. Olson
Secretary

Honorable Carl Durlson
Chairman
House Committee on House Administration
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY

HEADQUARTERS OF

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August 7, 1959

Mr. Robert B. McLaughlin
President, Board of Commissioners
District Building
14th and "E" Streets, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Commissioner McLaughlin:

You will recall that I visited you some months ago to discuss the effect of the proposed Highway Commission plan for the service road which is being planned as a means of access from Constitution Avenue to "C" Street along the 23rd Street border of our building.

When we first saw the sketch in the newspapers indicating that this service road would cut across the southwestern corner of the property on which our building is located, we were naturally apprehensive of what this might mean to the entire architectural concept of the area in which we are located.

You indicated to me at the time that we would have an opportunity to discuss the final plans with the proper District authorities before they are consummated. This was confirmed in a communication from the District Commissioners' office in reply to a letter addressed to the Commissioners on that subject.

We have more recently seen the tentative plan which envisions bridging Constitution Avenue at 23rd Street and providing access to "C" Street by means of a service road cutting across the southwesterly portion of the property on which we are situated. We also had an opportunity to view a model of the proposed revision at the intersection of Constitution Avenue at 23rd Street which, according to the explanation presented at that time, envisions a substantial depression of Constitution Avenue at the 23rd Street crossing.

Bearing in mind that the American Institute of Pharmacy, which is the headquarters building of the American Pharmaceutical Association, will be the first monumental building on Constitution Avenue to be seen by those approaching Washington from the newly planned bridge across the Potomac River,

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L. R. WILSON, SECRETARY
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

EXHIBIT J

DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBERS

we must take exception to the proposal to obliterate the view of this building by the construction of a bridge with its embankments on 23rd Street.

We were distressed to learn that such a structure on 23rd Street would require substantial embankments and stone abutments which would, in effect, place the American Pharmaceutical Association building in a depression and would further detract from the monumental character of this structure which we have so carefully planned and developed in concert with the Federal planning authorities and the Commission of Fine Arts.

The sweeping curve planned at the southwestern corner of our building will destroy the architectural symmetry achieved at considerable effort and expense when our building was erected more than 25 years ago.

Your drawings show a 150-foot radius for this curve which we are told by our architects and engineers is six times the average 25-foot radius usually allowed for such turns. The limited use that would be made of this service road to provide access from Constitution Avenue to 23rd and "C" Streets does not warrant such radical treatment.

When our organization selected the site for its main building, which was erected in 1912, we acceded to requests of the Fine Arts Commission, and the Federal parks and planning organizations then in office, to make our building, our landscaping, and approaches conform to the esthetic requirements of the area.

This entailed the purchase of considerably more property than was required for the erection of a building. The Congress of the United States made certain property available to complete the development of a proper front to the building. We purchased a special quality of marble to meet the highest artistic requirements and even constructed the long, marble and granite stairway from the entrance to the sidewalk so as to provide the architectural charm which has brought such high praise from all who are concerned about the development and preservation of the artistic beauty of this locality.

Frankly, the proposed highway plans indicate a ruthless disregard of the carefully planned architectural beauty of the front of our building. We simply cannot accept such treatment without our most serious protest, and we respectfully suggest that a normal 25-foot radius be substituted for the 150-foot radius now proposed and that we be given an opportunity to approve any plans for the 23rd Street intersection, as such changes may affect the property of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

The Commission of Fine Arts in one of its reports made prior to the erection of the American Institute of Pharmacy, refers to the plans of the American Pharmaceutical Association to erect a building between 22nd and 23rd Streets and Constitution Avenue and "C" Streets as "a notable addition to the group of buildings along The Mall devoted to the fine arts, science, and education."

The report further states that "The Commission of Fine Arts has been consulted frequently about the design and location of this building, which will be the first of the monumental buildings along 'B' Street (now Constitution Avenue) to be seen from the Arlington Memorial Bridge and will be a very important part of the frame of the Lincoln Memorial."

We mention the foregoing report because it indicates that in this and in our subsequent dealings with the Government, we have demonstrated our desire to cooperate to the fullest extent and we now reiterate our desire to cooperate.

Our joint efforts must be dedicated to the preservation of the historic setting of the Lincoln Memorial. Our concern must be related to the total public interest of minimizing any impairments to the setting of the American Institute of Pharmacy, our building, as well as to the Lincoln Memorial.

We trust, therefore, that we may count on you to give the utmost consideration to a revision of your plans for highway construction in this area in accordance with our suggestions.

We have taken the liberty of sending copies of this letter to the National Capital Planning Commission, the Fine Arts Commission, and the Secretary of the Interior since they are all vitally interested in this matter.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Michellis, Secretary

CC: Commissioner David B. Kerrick
Brigadier General A. C. Selling
Hon. Fred A. Seaton, Interior
The Commission of Fine Arts, Mr. Linton A. Wilson
National Capital Planning Commission, Mr. William E. Finley

